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SUBJECT: EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. PROTOCOL PLANNING (CONFIDENTIAL)

IN RESPONSE TO A HELPFUL TELEGRAM FROM TAIPEI, WE HAVE
BEGUN THE PROTOCOL PREPARATIONS REQUIRED BY PREMIER
CHIANG'S IMPENDING ELEVATION TO THE PRESIDENCY. OUR
APPROACH WILL BE TO BE AS LOW KEY AS IS CONSISTENT WITH
OUR EXISTING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE PREPARING
AND WILL CLEAR WITH NSC AND THE WHITE HOUSE A PRESIDENTIAL
LETTER CONGRATULATING CCK. WE WILL RECOMMEND THAT
AMBASSADOR UNGER BE DESIGNATED THE OFFICIAL U.S.
REPRESENTATIVE AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY.

2. TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED (UNCLASSIFIED)

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THE THIRD ROUND OF US/ROC TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ENDED
FEBRUARY 24 WITH A NEW FIVE-YEAR BILATERAL AGREEMENT
EXTENDING THROUGH 1982. THE TALKS WERE CHARACTERIZED
BY MUCH HARD BARGAINING. NEITHER SIDE GOT ALL IT WANTED,
BUT BOTH COUNTRIES BADLY NEEDED A DEAL. THE RESULTING
AGREEMENT IS ABOUT AS GOOD AS COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER
THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IS ONE WITH WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES

CAN LIVE.

3. BUS CONTRACT GOES TO GREYHOUND (UNCLASSIFIED)

TAIWAN HIGHWAY BUREAU ON FEBRUARY 25 FINALLY DECIDED TO PURCHASE 50 BUSES FROM GREYHOUND-MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES. THE AWARD WENT TO THE US/CANADIAN CORPORATION IN SPITE OF CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM MERCEDES BENZ OF WEST GERMANY, WHICH HAD THREATENED RETALIATION IN EEC TRADE COUNCILS. THE INITIAL SALE WILL AMOUNT TO DOLLARS 5-6 MILLION, AND GREYHOUND FEELS CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF BUSES FROM THE COMPANY EVENTUALLY WILL FOLLOW. THE EMBASSY CONTRIBUTED VERY IMPORTANTLY TO GREYHOUND WINNING THE CONTRACT, KEEPING ON TOP OF THE STATE OF PLAY AND

WEIGHING IN WITH THE ROC AT CRUCIAL POINTS AS MATTERS MOVED TOWARD DECISION.

4. REVIEW OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR OMA (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE FIRST REVIEW OF THE US/ROC NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 28. BY T. WONG, ROC DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR THE TEXTILE TALKS, AND ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN LANDE REPRESENTED THE TWO SIDES. FROM THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW, THE AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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IS WORKING WELL. NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN SINCE IT WENT INTO EFFECT IN JUNE, 1977. MR. WONG PRESENTED A NUMBER OF REQUESTS WHICH STR WILL CONSIDER. A MEMORANDUM ON THE REVIEW IS BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY. CHRISTOPHER

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